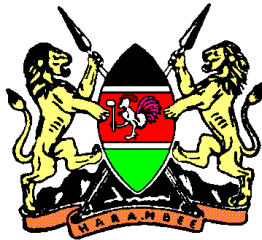


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ELGEYO MARAKWET COUNTY CONSULTATION FORUM REPORT



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

Kenya Vision 2030 is the country's long term development blue-print that aims to transform Kenya into a newly-industrializing, middle income country providing high quality of life to its citizens. The Vision is being implemented through five-year successive Medium Term Plans.

The National Treasury and Planning through the State Department for Planning is preparing the Fourth MTP 2023-2027 of Kenya Vision 2030. The Fourth MTP will succeed the Third MTP 2018-2022 and outlines policies, programmes and projects for implementation over the Plan period. The Fourth MTP will implement the fourth and second-last phase of Kenya Vision 2030 and will set the momentum for transition to the next long-term development agenda for the country. It will be guided by Kenya Vision 2030 and lessons learnt in implementation of previous MTPs (MTPI, MTPII and MTPIII). It will also be guided by the Constitution and will incorporate the priorities outlined in the Manifesto of the Political Party forming the Government after the next general election scheduled for August, 2022.

The Fourth MTP is being prepared through wide consultations in line with several Articles of the Constitution that calls for the involvement of the public in the formulation of public policies and plans. In line with the Constitution Article 10 2 (a), 2 (c), Article 174 (c) and the Fourth Schedule, the Fourth MTP consultations and consensus building will be undertaken through National Stakeholders Forum (NSF); MTP Sector Working Groups (MTPSWGs); County Consultation Forums; and National Stakeholders Validation Forum.

1.2 Fourth MTP County Consultation Forums

The National Treasury and Planning through the State Department for Planning held MTP County Consultation Forums in all counties between 28th March and 5th April, 2022. The Consultation Forums provided opportunity for stakeholders and the public to provide views that will form basis for the design of sector policies, programmes and projects in the Fourth MTP.

1.3 Objectives of the County Consultation Forums

The objectives of the County Consultation Forums were:

- i. To apprise stakeholders and the public on progress made in implementation of MTP 2018-2022, and preparatory process of Fourth MTP;
- ii. To provide a forum for consultation with stakeholders and the public to propose priority programmes and projects for incorporation in the Fourth MTP; and
- iii. To provide a platform for consultation between the national government and county government on development and implementation of MTP and CIDPs.

1.4 Participants/Target Group

The County Consultation Forums targeted representatives from the National Government in the counties, County Governments, Non-Government Institutions and the public. The Participants from non-government institutions included representatives from Religious organizations, Private Sector, Development Partners, Civil society, Media, Academia, Persons with Disabilities, Youth and Women. A total of 150 participants were invited in each County Forum with strict adherence to gender balance and sub-county representations. A total of 150 participants attended the Elgeyo Marakwet County Consultation Forum.

1.5 County Consultation Process

The Consultation Team was led by Ms. Esther J. Koimett, Principal Secretary, State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications. The Team made courtesy calls to the County Commissioner and Office of County Governor and briefed them on the Fourth MTP preparatory process and the programme of activities and logistics for the forums. The Consultation Forums programme was as follows:

- i. Welcoming remarks by County Commissioners and County Executive Committee (CEC) in charge of Finance and Planning;
- ii. Remarks by the County Governor;
- iii. Statement by Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury and Planning read on his behalf by Principal Secretaries (Team Leader);
- iv. Presentations on:
 - a) Objective of the Consultation forums;
 - b) County Integrated Development Plans (CIDP) Guidelines;
 - c) Achievements of Third MTP and preparatory process of Fourth MTP;
 - d) Key achievements on implementation of County Integrated Development Plans 2018-2022; and
- v. Group Discussions based on the three pillars & Enablers. Participants were divided into four groups to discuss Emerging Issues & Challenges, and proposed County sector priority programmes and projects.

1.6 County Consultation Forums Output

The Consultation Team prepared county specific Consultation Forum reports. The report contains highlights of the remarks made during the opening sessions, emerging issues and challenges, and proposed priority programmes and projects for Fourth MTP.

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF REMARKS MADE DURING OPENING SESSION

2.1 Remarks from the County Secretary

The County Secretary, Mr. Paul Chemutut, conveyed the apologies of the Governor and the Deputy Governor who were involved in other official engagements. He welcomed all the participants and urged them to fully participate in the various sessions of the forum. He stated

that the county government has always taken planning seriously and engages the citizens through public participation held forums at the ward level on an annual basis (save 2020 Covid-19 period). Many programmes and projects are identified at the grassroots level but scarcity of funds limits the number that can be implemented. The County Government has also been very strict with contractors by ensuring that they carry out the work to the satisfaction of the citizens. Complaints from the citizens could lead to cancellation of a contract.

2.2 Remarks from CEC Finance and Planning

The County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Planning, Mr. David Biwott, welcomed the participants and promised to work hand in hand with the planning team from the National Government to ensure success of integrated planning in the county.

2.3 Remarks from County Commissioner

The County Commissioner, Mr. John Korir, also welcomed the participants to the forum and thanked them for the big turnout. He reiterated the importance of planning noting that proper planning is a prerequisite for success of development initiatives in all sectors. He also informed the participants that everybody should be part of the planning process and that their input was very important and valid. He urged the participants especially those from far flung parts of the county to be patient as the forum would take the whole day.

2.4 Remarks from Principal Secretary

Ms. Esther J. Koimett, Principal Secretary, State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications, thanked the County Commissioner and the County Government officials for the warm welcome that they had accorded her and the team from headquarters. She also thanked the participants for the big turnout. She reiterated the importance of the forum and urged the participants to air out their views openly as the priorities captured in the MTP IV will be prioritized during the Government's planning and budgeting processes for the next five years. The PS then read the Statement by the Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury and Planning.

3. PLENARY SESSION

- The participants were concerned on the fate of three projects under the MTP III that have not been realized namely: Kamariny Stadium, and Kimwarer and Aror dams
- Participants emphasized how insecurity in Kerio Valley is hindering development in the region
- Concern on the automation of county services such parking
- The participants expressed concern on access to real time information especially the monitoring and evaluation reports
- Participants pointed out that Persons with Disability (PWDs) are not informed and sensitized on how to access funds earmarked to support them

- Representatives of PWDs complained that they are not involved in county planning process yet their needs are different from the other affirmative groups (women and youth) invited to such fora

4. GROUP DISCUSSIONS

The participants were grouped into four groups comprising the following: Economic Pillar, Social Pillar, Political Pillar and Enablers/Foundations. The following are the emerging issues and challenges for the Fourth MTP for each group.

EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	PROPOSED PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS
ECONOMIC PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Cross cutting diseases and pests • Technological challenges • Restrictions arising COVID-19 pandemic containment measures • High cost of production • Inadequate extension services • High interest rates and bureaucratic processes in accessing financial services • Poor infrastructure resulting to poor access to markets loss of produce • Climate change affecting productivity due to irregular rainfall patterns • High cost of animal feeds and pesticides • Diseases and pests invasion such as locusts and FMD • Competition from cheap imports e.g. mitumba and textile products • Over reliance on imports than export e.g. petroleum products • Adoption of technology in institutions while there is lack of expertise • Inaccessibility to loans due to bureaucracies and high interests • Poor implementation of the law on sharing of natural resources • Inadequate capital and manpower • Upscaling of clean energy strategies not supported by the government • Lack of industries especially on value addition • Low capacity on utilization of advanced credit • High level of poverty which hampers production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of <i>Iten-Rimoi-Kabarnet</i> Cable car project • Develop Spatial Plan for the County • Modernization and renovation of <i>Rimoi</i> game reserve • Introduction of farm input and subsidy programmes e.g. e-voucher fertilizers subsidy programme • Creation of disease-free zones programmes along Kerio Valley • Cash crop development project • Upscaling of climate smart agricultural practices • Sinking of water pans and drilling of boreholes • Development of Cottage Industries • Promotion of value chain strategies in agriculture and livestock sub sector • Peace and conflict management as a cross cutting strategy • Social economic empowerment of special interest groups • Reviving of Agricultural Finance Cooperation (AFC) to offer credit to farmers • Creation of ICT hubs to facilitate business process outsourcing • Creation of special economic zones • Upgrading of livestock breeds • Policy development and strengthening including firm input subsidy policy frameworks • Tourism development e.g., museums and cultural centres development.

EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	PROPOSED PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor land use practices such as land fragmentation hampering agricultural productivity 	
SOCIAL PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of title deeds for schools within forest lands Unemployed Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) teachers Inadequate infrastructure for Special schools COVID-19 pandemic Inadequate Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions Insecurity that is affecting learning e.g., school absenteeism, dropouts Inadequate staff and health facilities Poor supply of drugs to health facilities by Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) leading to stock-outs Inadequate specialized medical practitioners Poor maintenance of health equipment and sanitary facilities in general wards Poor remuneration of community health workers Few Kenya Forestry Service (KFS) rangers Exorbitant charges for use of forest resources e.g., firewood Land degradation due to farming on slopes and riparian reserves Illegal logging and charcoal burning Contamination of water sources due to lack of sewerage services Pollution High charges for water and sewerage services Poor timing of the reforestation exercises and setting up of tree nurseries Lack of a cemetery No proper physical plan for the county Inadequate land for urban centres and no installation of street lights Inadequate affordable houses Drugs and substance abuse among the youth Inadequate rescue centres for victims of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Gender Based Violence (GBV) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of Kimwarer and Aror dams Construction of Kamariny Stadium Construction of common irrigation projects in the insecurity areas along the Kerio Valley and other water/irrigation projects namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tot Kolowa irrigation project (stalled) Embobut dam (to serve Endo ward and Kaben location) Edowa dam Sabor dam expansion Saberon water project Chesubar –Kipkobil irrigation scheme expansion Kaben furrow irrigation scheme Edowa Dam Construction of dams at Torok falls Protection of Cherang’any water ecosystem Saleroni Water Project Development of a tertiary institution Development of infrastructure for Special schools Recruitment and deployment of specialized health workers Enhance the drugs and commodities supply chain at KEMSA Establishment of sports and research academy Construction of rescue centres for victims of GBVs, early marriages and other forms of violence Allocate Land for a cemetery Increase allocation to training centers such as Vocational Training Colleges (VTC), Kenya Medical Training Center (KMTC) Sewerage system for Iten town Youth labor intensive project e.g. Kazi mtaani Programme Conservation of water catchment areas Employment and deployment of more KFS rangers Provision of affordable housing units

EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	PROPOSED PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No holding cells for special groups e.g. PWDs, women and children • Cash transfers for PWDs, Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) and elderly is not equitable • Inadequate health care provision for the elderly • PWDs not involved in Paralympic and other sporting activities • Doping among some athletes • Poor tourism development especial cultural sites • Insecurity along the Kerio Valley • Effects of climate change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of rehabilitation centres • Anti-doping and financial literacy training for professional athletes • Development of cultural sites
POLITICAL PILLAR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate capacity building of staff to undertake the mandates devolved • Limited financial base to finance the devolved functions (own source revenue) • Inadequate policy frameworks between the National and County governments • Limited civic education and citizen participation in government operations • High cost of inflation especially on project implementation • Commission for Revenue Allocation (CRA) share parameters not favorable for the County • Insecurity issues hindering project implementation • Cross border conflicts between the County and neighboring counties • Inadequate clear communication frameworks between the two levels of Government • Weak project monitoring and evaluation framework • COVID-19 and other pandemics slowed down project implementation • Delayed disbursement of funds by the National treasury to counties • Project prioritization by the citizens still a challenge • Unclear public participation frameworks • Weak intergovernmental relations framework between county and national of government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of County Government Headquarters • Establishment of Judicial services at the County e.g. a High court • Review and strengthen all the intergovernmental frameworks

EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES	PROPOSED PRIORITY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS
FOUNDATIONS/ENABLERS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor Road network • High cost of road construction and maintenance due to steep terrain • Low electricity connectivity • Delays in implementation of prioritized interventions i.e., Kimwarer and Arror dams and Kamariny Stadium • Unexploited green energy • Poor network coverage and lack of fibre cable in the county • Inadequate research and innovation centres e.g., Chandaria innovation centre • Low facilitation to research centres • Complicated land acquisition processes for public utilities • Low pace of land adjudication • Low or haphazard implementation of some policy and executive directives on public sector reforms e.g. as performance management, automation of services • Nepotism and tribalism • Inadequate enabling environment for self-employment e.g. lack of industrial parks, Long bureaucratic process of obtaining business operations documentation • Under employment and limited reforms in fostering self-employment • Poor timing of prioritized empowerment programmes such as delivery of farm inputs • Non adherence to the rule of law • Low patriotism by public officers • Inadequate policy, structures and financing of Disaster risk management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance security in the Kerio Valley • Construction of Security roads along the Kerio Valley namely: • Chebererwa-Karinam-Arror-Teren-Beiweza road • Kimuai-Segut-Karer,Chemosong, Kapsangar road • Construction of tourism road namely: Msekekwa-Kaptum-Nyawa-Rimoi road • Tarmacking of fluorspar roads namely: • Kapkayo - Emsea, Biretwo- Tot Road • Katumoi-Setano-Nyaru-flourspar road • Construction of other roads namely: • Buretwo-Arror –Tot road • Kapcherop –Kapkoldi, Kapsai-Koyipseba-Kamokonoin-Kapsangar road • Mosongo - Chebborwa, Kabamoi, Kipsangui - Kiplombe road • Cheboror-Kapsowar Road • Establish Kerion valley power plant • Spread coverage of the fibre connectivity within the county • Review and shorten the procedure for land adjudication • Establishing peace building programmes and setting funds for peace initiatives • Acquire more security vehicles and enhance surveillance • Increased electricity coverage by 30% e.g. households connected to electricity • Construction of connectivity network in low network coverage areas • Mainstream national values ethics in the school curriculum

5. CONCLUSION

The closing session of the MTP IV Elgeyo Marakwet County Forum was addressed by the County Secretary and the Deputy County Commissioner. It was agreed that all issues raised

and the identified priorities be included in the MTP IV. However, the county government should take over the priorities that fall under the county functions for inclusion in the next generation CIDPs. The County Government and the National Government Departments will continue to collaborate in implementation of development initiatives so as to enhance impact and avoid duplications. All other stakeholders should also play their roles in the development of the county.